



Bi-Monthly Report **DISPATCHES** February 1, 2010

HIGHLIGHTS:

The museum had 50 visitors in December and 48 visitors in January. We were closed 4 days in December and 9 ½ days in January due to cancellations, holidays, no volunteers or no heat. The museum had 1,854 visitors in 2009. That is the most we have had in a one year period since we opened in 2004.

ROLL CALL:

The next meeting for board members and interested parties will be Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting on a bi-monthly basis in 2010. We always meet at Columbia's on North Lime at 5:30 for dinner prior to the meeting. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month. Any party interested in the museum is welcome to join us for dinner and/or the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTES:

Jerry Cerel donated three nice display cases to the museum in December. Two are on display in the 1800's room. Price Maples of the Starving Artist Gallery donated a \$200+ framed photo of the Fayette County Peace Officer's Memorial. It is on display in the "Fallen Heroes" room.

OTHER NOTES:

Thanks to all our volunteers who worked the museum in 2009. We would not be able to remain open if not for your work. Our volunteers for 2009 and days worked were David Hume (37), Harold Barker (22), Chris Steuart (18), Ron Balcom (17), Noland Hill (14), Shaun Hubbard (12), Mindy Rockwell (11), Bruce Phelps (10), George Clapp (6), David Griffin (5), Chip Nowlin (5), Steve Ferrell (5), Rick Brewer (4), Bob Dalzell (4), Grace Northcutt (3), Max Hellmueller (2), Randy Fosson (2), Dave Mattingly (1) and Paul Mitchell (1). Thanks again to all those who volunteered in 2009. We also appreciate those who may not have time to volunteer but have supported the museum through a Membership or becoming a Lifetime Supporter or even bought merchandise from the museum.

The museum is buying a table for 10 at the upcoming Fire Department Awards Banquet on March 6th for board members and volunteers who wish to attend.

We have gone through the dozens of boxes in the David Shade collection and recently purchased binders and photo pages for the safekeeping of hundreds of photos. You are welcome to look through the photos at the museum by scheduling a time and date with a board member. Some photos we may be able to reprint for a nominal fee. There are several very neat photos that we want to have framed and displayed on our walls.



Note the Volunteer Calendar on the new and improved website. You can see who is volunteering on a particular day and see what spots need to be filled. The calendar is constantly being updated, so check it often. A schedule is being worked on for February and March. Volunteers are asked to give us one day (4 hrs) whenever they can. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering. You can Email me at: dhume15@insightbb.com , dhume15@hotmail.com or lexpublicsafety@yahoo.com

MERCHANDISE:

We have the ability to make personalized coffee mugs/steins for the Urban County Government, Police Department, Fire Department, Community Corrections and E.R.U. The cost is \$15 for the coffee mugs and \$18 for the steins and the turnaround time is usually less than 10 days. Feel free to email me with your order. The mugs come in Blue or Black with a gold or silver badge or city seal. Name, rank and badge number can be placed on the mugs/steins. Mugs with colors such as green, yellow, maroon, pink, and others are also available. We are now offering a stainless travel mug engraved with a badge on one side and your name on the back for \$18.

Our most recent badge pin was for Community Corrections. There are now seven badge pins that have been created. They are Fayette County Police circa 1960's, Fayette County Police circa 1950's, Lexington City Police circa 1973, current Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police, current Lexington Fire Department and the current University of KY Police badge pin. We now have all pins in stock. The badge pins are \$5 each. We have a Public Safety set for \$15 and it comes in a free display case. It features the current Police, Fire and Corrections badge pins. You can see photos and order the pin sets on our website under "Products".

The crystal block machine is broken again so we are able not to obtain the crystal blocks with the Lexington Police Badge Image in 3D until further notice. These blocks can be personalized with your name and badge number. Cost is \$22.50 for the crystal block and for an additional \$10; you can order a rotating lighted base in all white or multi-colored lights. We also have crystal blocks with the 3D image of the police cruiser in it. We have these in stock and they are \$20.00 each.

The Diecast Gearbox 2003 Police cruisers are sold out; however, we have a box of the 1997 Road Champs in. We hope to do another die cast police car in the future when the body style is changed.

We have plenty of the Lexington Police challenge coins made by Symbol Arts. The coin shows the Lexington Badge on one side and a Lexington Police Cruiser with the city skyline on the other. They are selling for \$8.00 each. This will be our last order of these particular coins so get them while you can. We plan on doing another challenge coin in 2010 with the Fayette County Peace Officer's Memorial on the reverse and the Lexington Police badge on the front.



ABOUT US:

The Lexington Public Safety Museum is located in the Lexington History Center on the first floor. The Lexington History Center is also known as the old courthouse. The KY Renaissance Pharmacy Museum and the Isaac Hathaway African American Museum are also on the first floor. The Lexington History Museum occupies the second and third floor. The Public Safety Museum is open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The hours are 12 noon until 4 pm. There is no charge for admission. We are closed Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, but will open by appointment or during special events by request.

At this time, the museum is divided into five rooms. They are based on a timeline. The first room exhibits items/photos from the 1800's to the 1930's. It adjoins the "Fallen Heroes" room, which honors all Public Safety Officers who have died in the line of duty. Down the hallway are three more rooms. The first and second room exhibits items from the 1940's-1950's and the third room is from the 1960's-1970's. Our first exhibit has been on Public Safety Buildings past and present. We have tried to put an emphasis on the different buildings that Public Safety has occupied over the years. This includes showing photos of old Police Departments, Jails and Fire Stations. We are also increasing our photo collection to include vehicles and people. In addition, the museum has other items of interest such as old badges, patches, uniforms, jail keys, photos, fire and police equipment and other memorabilia.

The museum has gift shop type items for sale as part of the fundraising efforts. These items include die cast police cars, badge pins, coffee mugs, drinking glasses, books, throws or blankets and other items of interest. Polo type shirts are on sale at the museum. Merchandising has accounted for more than half of our revenue. The other half of the revenue has come from donations and memberships.

We have several types of memberships depending on the amount of money donated. The types of memberships are student, individual, family, silver shield, gold shield and platinum shield. Fifteen members have dues paid up through 2010. We have nine Lifetime Supporters. Our supporters and members' names are always on display at the entrance to the museum. Members have the option to switch to a Lifetime Supporter and not be solicited again.

David Hume
President, LPSM

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